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Title **BINDING APPARATUS, PAPER PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM**

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

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7. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
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15. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
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